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Sir:

This Reply is filed responsive to the Office Action
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Before turning to the merits of the Office Action of
May 8, 2007, the undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for
his helpful acknowledgement of the various Preliminary Amendments
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connection with this Patent Application.